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SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM F15.29 Subcommittee for Public

Playground Equipment

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Scott Heh-ESME,

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minutes.

SUMMARY OF MEETING

There was a discussion on the activities of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board regarding playground accessibility. A subcommittee member who works with the Chairman of the ASTM F08.52.01 Playground Surfacing Task Group said that he will stress the importance for that group to develop a test method for assessing accessibility of playground surfaces.

The Chairmen of Soft Contained Play Systems and Home Playground Equipment Subcommittees gave brief reports on the actions of those groups.

A motion passed for the scope of the public playground standard to specifically exclude "soft contained play systems."

The subcommittee work groups met individually to continue developing provisions for the first revision of the standard. Proposals were accepted by the subcommittee for provisions concerning track rides, partially bounded openings, adjacent decks, and log rolls. These proposals will be sent out on the next subcommittee ballot. Work groups are continuing efforts to develop provisions regarding trip hazards, structural loading, sand and water play equipment, and upper body equipment.

A representative of a test lab made a presentation to the subcommittee on how to set up a third party certification program.

It was announced that ASTM plans to publish a separate document providing the rationale for the public playground standard.

A symposium was rescheduled from June to Sept. 1994 to educate subcommittee members on the new standard. It was felt

that most subcommittee members are very familiar with only portions of the standard and would find a symposium covering the entire standard valuable.

The next F15.29 meetings will be held in Philadelphia on June 16-17, 1994, Sept 29-30, 1994 and Jan 12-13, 1995.

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